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Letter dated 1 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the note verbale dated 6 May 2007 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) in Tehran on the media coverage by a United States television channel of notorious terrorist Abdolmalek Rigi's interview in which, as a clear manifestation of incitement to terrorism, he was provided with an opportunity to shamelessly try to justify his heinous terrorist acts and to call for more violence and terrorism against Iranian civilians. Abdolmalek Rigi is the head of the "Jundullah" terrorist group.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 100, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Annex to the letter dated 1 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) and pursuant to note verbale No. 511/48 dated 22 Farvardin 1386 (11 April 2007), regarding the activities of the media based in the United States in introducing the notorious terrorist Abdolmalek Rigi as the so-called "leader of popular resistance movement of Iran", wishes to state the following:

The Persian language television station "Channel One", based in the United States, broadcast an hour-long interview with the aforementioned terrorist on 27 Bahman 1385 (16 February 2007).

In that interview, Abdolmalek Rigi, while admitting to having established three armed branches in Sistan and Baluchestan Province and committing armed and terrorist operations with the aim to "topple the Iranian Government", explained his terrorist acts, including the bombing and explosion of a bus in which a number of Iranian military personnel as well as civilians were killed or injured.

The said person, while confirming the reports on the discovered arms and ammunitions belonging to his terrorist group, stressed the continuation of his terrorist operations and stated that the terrorist acts committed by the group were intended "for good ends and such acts that we commit are necessary".

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while again expressing its protest against direct and indirect support extended to this terrorist group by the United States media, and drawing the attention of the United States Government to the condemnation of that group's terrorist acts both by the United Nations Security Council and the Secretary-General, and in view of the declared policy of the United States Government in fighting terrorism, expects the latter to take urgent measures to deal with this issue and to prevent the repetition of such broadcastings and other propaganda and media support for Abdolmalek Rigi and persons associated with him.